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1. THERE FOLLOWS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT DEMETRIO B. LAKAS' NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE END OF A YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER IS A PROPITIOUS OCCASION TO STRIKE A BALANCE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TAKE A GLIMPSE AT WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HAVE IN STORE.ON LOOKING RETORSPECTIVELY, THE YEAR 1973 HAS BEEN FRUITFUL IN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE ECONOMY, IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND IN THE PROCESS OF ATTAINING FOR PANAMANIAN AND FOR THOSE FOREIGNERS WHO LIVE AMONG US BETTER STANDARDS OF LIFE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIAL AND INDIVIDUAL JUSTICE. "THE YEAR 1974 IS EVEN MORE PROMISING. WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY, DISEASE, IGNORANCE, AND IN THE COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE RECUPERATION OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY THROUGHOUT THE NATIONAL TERRITORY. AND FOR THAT, NATIONAL UNITY, THE UNITY OF ALL PANAMANIAN WITHOUT DISTINCTION,

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IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER, BECAUSE THE FATHERLAND IS

EVERYONE AS OUR LEADER, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA,
HAS SAID RESPEATEDLY. THEREFORE OUR GOAL, THE GOAL OF THE
PANAMANIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT FOR 1974 MUST BE --
EACH AND EVERYONE FOR THE FATHERLAND. END QUOTE.
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